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SUBJ: RESUMED 55TH ECOSOC; WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF 55TH RESUMED ECOSOC'S AGENDA, AMB. FERGUSON INTERVENED TO REQUEST THAT AN ITEM ENTITLED "CONVOCATION OF A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS" BE INSCRIBED IN THE ECOSOC AGENDA.

2. TEXT OF FERGUSON'S STATEMENT GIVEN BELOW.

3. ONLY FLOOR RESPONSE TO FERGUSON STATEMENT CAME FROM AMB. DRISSE (TUNISIA) WHO SUPPORTED INSCRIPTION.

4. BEGIN QUOTE:

"MR. PRESIDENT:

'ON SEPTEMBER 24 SPEAKING IN THE PLENARY OF THE 28TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER PROPOSED, THAT A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE
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BE ORGANIZED UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES IN

1974 TO DISCUSS WAYS TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE FOOD
SUPPLIES, AND TO HARNESS THE EFFORTS OF ALL NATIONS
TO MEET THE HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION RESULTING
FROM NATURAL DISASTERS."

'ON OCTOBER 4, AMBASSADOR JOHN SCALI SET FORTH THE
RATIONALE OF THIS REQUEST IN A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY
GENERAL. THAT COMMUNICATION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED
AS DOCUMENT A/9194. IN THE LIGHT OF THESE TWO ACTIONS
BY MY GOVERNMENT, I DO NOT PROPOSE TO ENTER INTO A LONG
STATEMENT AT THIS TIME. THE SITUATION WHICH WE HAVE
DESCRIBED IS IMPORTANT AND URGENT. WE ARE CONVINCED
THAT THE PROBLEMS TO WHICH WE HAVE CALLED ATTENTION
FALL EASILY AND RIGHTLY WITHIN THE MANDATE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS AND OF THIS COUNCIL.

'IT IS THEREFORE, MY HOPE THAT THE COUNCIL WILL
PURSUANT TO RULE 17, ADD AN ITEM TITLED "CONVOCATION
OF A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
THE UNITED NATIONS" ON THE PRESENT AGENDA, AND ACCORD
THE ITEM PIRORITY CONSIDERATION." END QUOTE.

5. PRESIDENT FRAZAO, NOTING NO OBJECTION TO INSCRIPTION,
RULED THAT WFC ITEM BE ADDED TO AGENDA.
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